

## DANIEL JOHNSON.

JANUARY 3, 1832.

MR. DRAYTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following  
REPORT:

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Johnson, report:*

That the petitioner sets forth, that, on the 16th September, 1800, he was bound by indentures of apprenticeship, to the then Superintendent of the United States' Armory at Harper's Ferry, to learn the trade of an armorer, from the date of his indentures until he should attain the age of 21 years; that he was entitled, under his indentures, to board, clothing, and lodging, and a certain portion of education, and, at the expiration of his service, to two suits of clothes; that he remained during the whole period of his apprenticeship, the duties of which he diligently and faithfully performed, without the benefit of any education, and without receiving the two suits of clothes to which he was entitled; he therefore prays, that Congress would grant to him, either the amount which accrued to the United States from his manual labor whilst he was at the Armory, as a compensation for the injury which he has sustained from the non-performance of its contract on the part of the Government; or at least, that a sum of money may be awarded to him, equivalent to what his schooling, for a reasonable time, would cost, and to the price of two suits of clothes.

The facts alleged by the petitioner, which are established by the clearest testimony, exhibit a case of peculiar injury and injustice towards him. Immediately after leaving Harper's Ferry, he married, and shortly became the father of a family, for whose support he was compelled to give so unremitting an attention to his business as to be deprived of the opportunity of devoting any leisure time to the acquisition of even reading and writing, the mere elements of education. Under these circumstances, the committee consider the petitioner entitled, at least, to a sum of money equal to what would have been expended by him, after he had quitted the Armory, upon his schooling, clothing, board, and lodging, for one year; and also to the cost of two suits of clothing; for which amount they therefore report a bill. For schooling, clothing, board, and lodging, for one year, at \$12

a month,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$144 00
For the cost of two suits of clothing,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00

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